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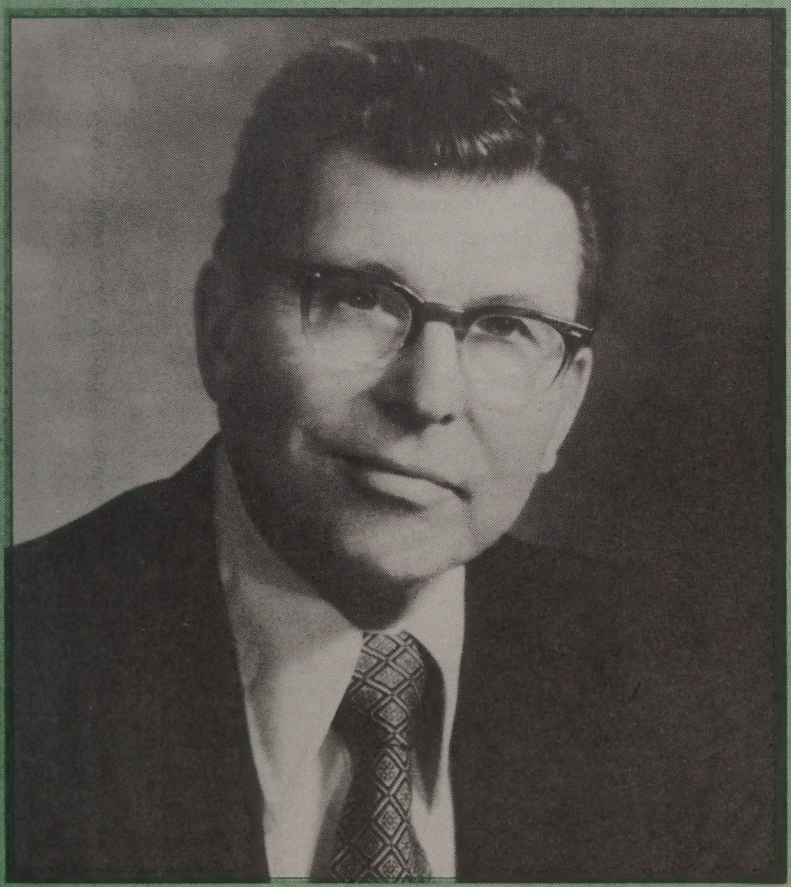

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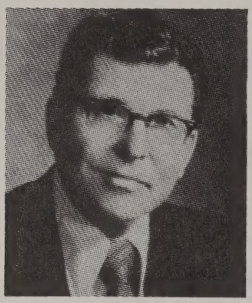

RE-EVALUATION
RE-DEDICATION

As the Massachusetts Medical Society enters its 199th year it is a time for re-evaluation of our environment and re-dedication to the liberal principles upon which The Society was founded.

Problems which beset The Society and its members stem largely from a general societal reappraisal of its institutions in a time of severe alienation. Probing of the physicians' continuing role in society is a daily exchange at levels ranging from physician-patient, physician-nurse, physician-extender, physician-paraprofessional, physician-cultis through physician-media, physician-regulative and legislative relationships. The conflicting currents of public attitudes and demands are both confusion and frustrating to physicians who view themselves as advocates for their patients and for the public welfare.

How shall we respond to this enveloping miasma which clouds our daily activities? First, we must be sure that we effectively, generously and sincerely address the needs and interests of our patients on an individual basis. Beyond this, we must be more active participants in the affairs of our own local communities exercising the role of responsible citizenship.

In the face of broad societal attack on all professions - including medicine - physicians need to think again their need for organizationl support. We need to reinforce each other at local, state and national levels to enunciate clearly our commitment to health care which is personalized, efficient, cost-effective and available to all our citizens. More, we must lend our collective support to encourage individual responsibility in health and other matters and to roll back the enroachment of government into all our lives.

This is a time of great peril as well as of opportunity, but it is also time of hope. Let us join together in preserving the traditions of our profession so that our sucessors may also share in the blessings of freedom. □

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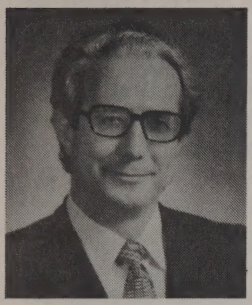

PRESIDENT'S PAGE

SO HE DID IT

Senator Edward Kennedy has now presented his plan for a comprehensive National Health Insurance System. An impressive array of leaders of different groups, ranging from union representatives to speakers for the elderly, have been lined to back up the plan. Unfortunately, as usual, the information is provided in insufficient manner to the American public. In fact, the one obstacle which Kennedy's plan will encounter is indeed only economical and only the fear of the expense will keep it away from a positive vote for sometime. The objections should be instead also of different kind and if America would have all the money of the world the plan should be opposed on ethical and moral grounds. In other nations where similar plans have been implemented with the intent of providing to the population "in toto" the best medical care at no cost, the reality is pretty different. Truly the masses can benefit of a mediocre care for nothing, but as soon as a medical problem of any significance arises in families with some economical means, many prefer to call in the superqualified physician or professor practicing outside of the system and who treat or operate in private clinics at skyrocketing costs.

In Rome these days anybody can have a CAT (they call it TAC) scan of the brain for nothing, provided he is willing to wait up to 9 months patiently and too bad if not. On the other hand, in private clinics the same test can be performed almost immediately for costs approximately 5 times the price we pay here in this country. Indeed throughout England, France, and Italy there is a mushrooming explosion of private clinics offering personalized care provided by reknown physicians at astronomical costs and astronomical fees. Those who can afford those services, can have them. For the others, no problem, the hospitals are there almost across the street and if....you can get in they indeed cost nothing.

In this country, we the physicians as well as the medical societies have the mandate to keep the quality of medical care at top level and any attempt to reduce this level should be strenuously opposed. Excellence of care, nevertheless, carries the burden of a very high cost and our efforts must be directed toward containment of these costs, and

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therefore, administer and utilize better our knowledge and our facilities. The growing complexities of clinico-social situations, scientific advances and the high level of specialization of modern medicine must force physicians and all the health administrators in general to acquire a critical conscience of their function in the field of health delivery. Initiative and responsibility must remain fundamental and untouchable elements for any effective health reform plan even though the implementation of the plan can not be left to the decision of the single individual. Hospital services and health delivery services are more and more characterized as a complex and interlocked system of social and technological sciences. This fact necessitates the need for a constant up-dating of the degree of knowledge and specialization but also introduces the need for group direction and full cooperation.

Any health delivery plan should operate within a system of clinical organization permitting equilibrated decisions and appropriate priorities. In rigorous cooperation with local hospitals and medical centers as well as with high institutes of learning and governmental agencies, the body more apt to perform this task is and should be the district or county medical society. It is this body that could create a rational coordination between hospitals, health organizations and delivery of care all over the territory of assigned jurisdiction. We should advocate then a communion between health delivery systems and hospital systems providing a productivity of work in an economical and constructive way. In a country like ours which every year spends a larger aliquot of its budget to provide that individual and social benefit which is the health of its citizens, a health delivery plan along these lines may be effectively viable. □

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EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

The Executive Committee of the HDMS met on Tuesday, May 15, 1979 in the Conference Room.

Present were Drs. Flahive, Navazio, Sachsse, Stoddard, Corsaro, Fitzpatrick, Dasco, Siragusa and Mrs. Purdy.

The minutes of the April meeting had been mailed out to the members and these were accepted as written.

CORRESPONDENCE

The WMHPC sent a paper of a Legislative Alert for consideration by the Executive Committee. No action will be taken at this time.

A letter of thanks from WHYN TV for "Visiting Physician" program was read from Mr. Gilbert Lefkovich.

A letter from Mrs. LaFlamme from the Springfield South End Community Health Center Development Corporation was read. They are looking for some educational seminars in Nutrition. Mrs. Purdy will answer Mrs. LaFlamme's letter.

AAMSE wrote thanking the HDMS for their contribution to the Educational Fund.

The Independent Driving Coalition of Western Massachusetts asked for support for the handicapped. The committee voted to support this program.

OLD BUSINESS

The first summary statistics on the second opinion from the Connecticut General Insurance Company were circulated to the members for informational purposes.

The Upper State Street Development Corporation wrote informing the society that they had officially submitted a grant application to the Department of HEW for a feasibility study for an HMO in the Winchester Square area.

A letter from a Nursing Home complaining that physicians do not pronounce death was given to the Executive Committee for a action. An article will be printed in the June issue of the Hampden Hippocrat.

Mrs. Richard Miller, President of the Auxiliary is to be a reporter for AREA I of the HSA. She will attend meetings and report to the Executive Committee.

NEW BUSINESS

A Memorandum from Eileen Rutman, Area Coordinator for the WMHPC was read to the committee. There are twelve seats on the Southern Valley Advisors open. An application blank was sent with the letter if any one is interested in applying.

Dr. Flahive reported that the Uni Royal employees have hospital coverage for lab studies but not for physician's offices. A letter will be written about this in the interst of cost containment.

The report given by Mrs. Purdy was informational.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:40 P.M. □

Executive Committee Meeting
June 12, 1979

The Executive Committee of the Hampden District Medical Society met on Tuesday, June 12, 1979 in the Conference Room.

Present were Drs. Navazio, Walthall, Remsberg, Dasco, Stoddard, Rich, Siragusa, and Mrs. Purdy. Absent were Drs. Bloom, Flahive, Fitzpatrick, Harris, Corsaro, and Zadworny.

Present as guests were Dr. Stagg and Mr. Herbert Hooven of the Western Massachusetts Health Planning Council.

Mr. Hooven gave a brief resume of recent decisions of the Western Massachusetts Health Planning Council. He explained the organization structure as outlined in PL 93-641. An exchange of information was held between Mr. Hooven and members of the committee. Dr. Navazio gave a pledge to Mr. Hooven to have more cooperation between WMHPC and the HDMS. Mr. Hooven agreed to let the Hampden District Medical Society know two months in advance of due dates for new appointments to the Southern Valley Council. Mr. Hooven left with thanks from the committee.

A letter from B.J. Anderson of the American Medical Association legal department thanking us for her invitation at the last District Meeting was read.

An unsigned letter from a concerned R.N. regarding "our plastic world" was informational.

A letter from Dr. Sammons, Executive Vice-President of the American Medical Association to Vivian Purdy inviting her to participate in extra courses in Northwestern University to study critical issues facing medical societies in the coming years was discussed. Mrs. Purdy will try to determine more details of the program before making any committment.

The Springfield South End Community Health Center wrote thanking the Hampden District Medical Society for printing the article about the Health Center in the May issue of the Hampden Hippocrat.

The Indian Orchard Citizens Council wrote requesting need for physicians in their area. We will respond giving places and magazines where this need can be published.

Old Business

Dr. Stoddard read a letter written to Dr. Navazio regarding update on current legal decisions regarding the Blue Shield problem. He proposed a newsletter to the Council on May 16 which was rejected. He is, at the request of the Executive Committee, writing a resolution to be sent to the Council requesting that information be sent to the district medical society offices for distribution as they see fit to the membership. This would be through Warner and Stackpole the attorneys for the Massachusetts Medical Society.

New Business

At the request of the Peer Review Committee, which met recently, the Executive Committee voted to refer to the By-Laws Committee a change in the name of the committee, "The Committee on Impaired Physicians", the name of the state committee, would be more suitable.

Places of meetings and speakers were discussed and this will be announced at a later date.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:00 P.M. □

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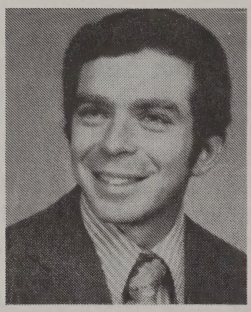

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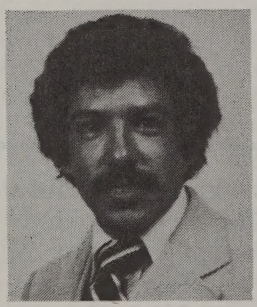

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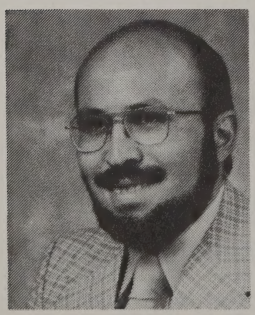

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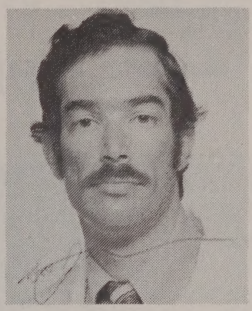

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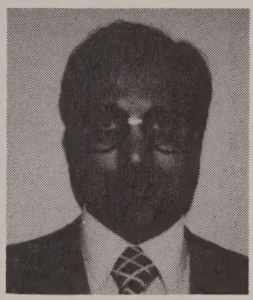

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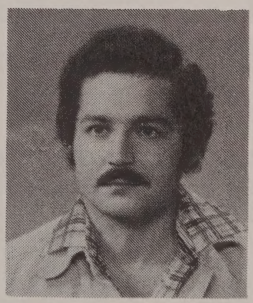

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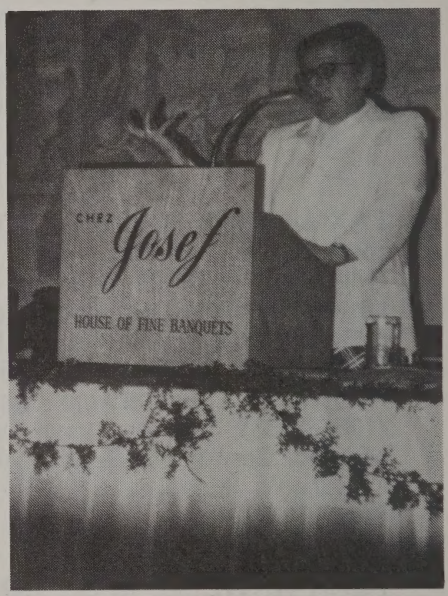

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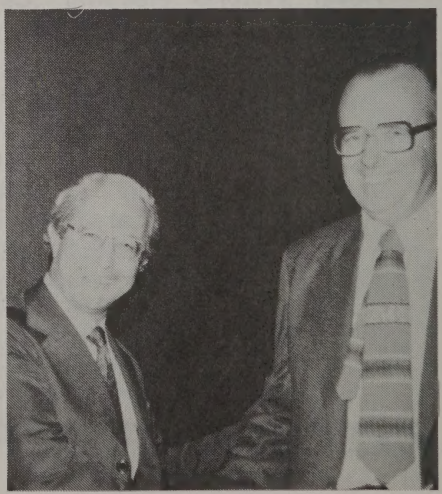

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Jane Condon, recent transplant to Western Massachusetts, is the dynamic, new president of the Massachusetts Medical Society Auxiliary. Upon meeting Jane, one is immediately impressed with her attitude and her spirit. A native Bostonian, Jane married her husband Paul when he was in his second year at Boston University School of Medicine. Jane was an x-ray technician who trained and worked at St. Elizabeth's in Brighton. It was there that she met Paul Condon who worked in the x-ray department at night while still in medical school. At St. Elizabeth's, Jane was appointed the first director of the official school of x-ray technology, which later became associated with Northeastern University.

Jane and Paul Condon lived in Lynnfield for fourteen years prior to moving to Longmeadow recently; Paul is an Emergency Room Physician at the Baystate Medical Center. Their five accomplished children include Paula (20), who will be entering her junior year at the University of Massachusetts, Amherst, and is varsity coxswain of the crew team. The Condons are very proud that their three eldest sons, Tom (19), Stephen (17) and Gregg (16), have earned the coveted Eagle Scout Award. Youngest son Gary (10) shows the promise of his siblings.

Jane is a past president of the Essex South District Medical Society Auxiliary. On the state auxiliary level, Jane is the former Health Careers Chairman and is currently the Director of Focus on Children, emphasizing the areas of child abuse and parenting. Already, she is busy establishing related programs in Springfield.

We are proud to welcome the Condon family to Hampden County and to welcome Jane as a member of the Auxiliary to the Hampden District Medical Society. □

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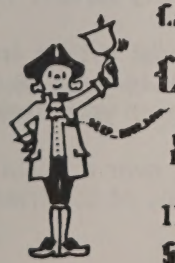

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Kennedy's New Health Proposal: More Slogan Than Reality

As their National Health Insurance plan of the year, Senator Ted Kennedy and his helpmates have built a bright-eyed new statue with the same old clay.

The new "Health Care for All Americans" bill differs from his old "Health Security" bill in various particulars but not in basic materials.

Again the public would save on health bills by paying substantially more in tax bills. By the proponents' own estimates, the new federal costs would be $30 billion in 1983, the year targeted for implementation. And as we know, the costs of federal programs -- especially social ones -- have a facility for growing.

Again there would be the heavy hand of government intervention and regulation.

But instead of being squeezed under, as in the Health Security bill, it appears private health insurers would be allowed a role of subordination. Government would regulate them and preside over negotiations on their premiums and on physician and hospital payments, and no company would be "at risk" in the true insurance sense.

In the spirit of the old bill, there would be a built-in stress and strain between health care promises and economic prohibitions.

On the one hand, the measure would guarantee comprehensive health insurance coverage to every American at all times, amplify Medicare coverage (with no deductibles or co-insurance), reform Medicaid (eliminating the means test), and so forth.

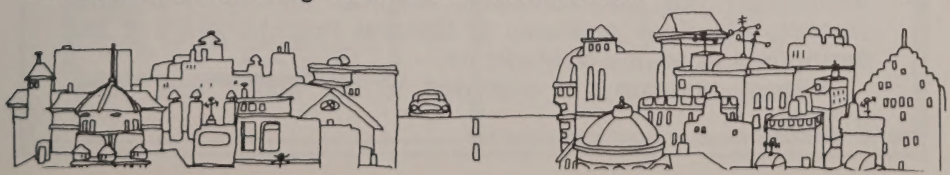
On the other hand, the program would be subject to a national budget, whereby health expenditures would be strictly limited by state and regional allocations. Providers would have to furnish all services within the limit.

If funds run out before the end of a budget period, would providers be expected to subsidize health services? Would budget restraints and negotiation of insurance premiums and provider payments invite government rationing of care?

Those are among the grim but realistic questions to be raised as Mr. Kennedy and his supporters try to supply all the answers.

Certainly we all want answers -- sound answers -- to present gaps and shortcomings in health protection. In the words of AMA Executive Vice President James H. Sammons, M.D., "The AMA continues to believe that consumer choice, private insurance and limited government regulation should be at the heart of our health care system."

"Medicine again faces a renewed responsibility to speak out on the major legislative proposals dealing with health care and to share our concerns with the Congress and our fellow citizens." □



In Memoriam

WILLIAM J. DEVLIN, M.D.

Dr. William J. Devlin of 52 Smithfield Court, Springfield died April 27, 1979 at home.

Born in Boston, Massachusetts, Dr. Devlin graduated from Boston College in 1931 and received his doctorate of medicine from Boston University School of Medicine in 1935. He served his internship at Mercy Hospital, Springfield Health Department and Boston City Hospital from 1936-1937.

His practice of Pediatrics in Springfield was interrupted by his service to the U.S. Navy during World War II.

Dr. Devlin was on the staff of all the local hospitals in Springfield and at the time of his death he was on the Emergency staff at Mercy Hospital.

He was a member of the American Medical Association, Massachusetts Medical Society, Hampden District Medical Society, New England Pediatric Society, American College of Emergency Physicians, Springfield Lodge of Elks #61, and a founder of St. Paul's Church.

Deepest sympathy is extended to his family, his many friends and associates. □

In Memoriam

HARRY L. ROBERTS, M.D.

Dr. Harry L. Roberts of 135 Cooley Drive, Longmeadow died on May 23, 1979 at home.

Born in Glendale, Massachusetts he graduated from Tufts University and received his medical degree from Tufts University School of Medicine in 1920.

Dr. Roberts was the Longmeadow school physician for more than 65 years, Medical Examiner for the Springfield Welfare Department and member of the Council on Aging. In 1975 he was honored by the Springfield Hospital for 45 years of service.

He was past master of the Longmeadow Lodge of Masons, a member of the Scottish Rites Bodies, Melha Temple Shrine and Longmeadow Country Club. In 1978 he was named Mr. Longmeadow. For many years he organized the HDMS Golf Day which was an Annual Event.

Dr. Roberts was a member of the American Medical Association the Massachusetts Medical Society, Hampden District, American Academy of General Practitioners and the Springfield Academy of Medicine.

Deepest sympathy is extended to his family and many friends. □

In Memoriam

LEO S. NEWMAN, M.D.

Dr. Leo S. Newman, of 156 Burnett Road, Granby, Massachusetts died May 21, 1979 in Holyoke Hospital.

Born in Cleveland, Ohio, he graduated from the University of Michigan in 1956 and received his medical degree from the University of Cincinnati Medical School in 1960.

Dr. Newman received his internship at Jackson Memorial Hospital in Miami, Florida in 1961 and his residency in Radiology in Shands Hospital at the University of Florida in Gainesville from 1964-1967. He came to Holyoke Hospital in 1968 and became Chief of Radiology in 1976.

He was a member of the American Medical Association, Massachusetts Medical Society, Hampden District Medical Society, Springfield Academy of Medicine and the Sons of Zion.

To his family, friends and associates deepest sympathy is extended. □

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TO THE EDITOR

Periodically and particularly of late during the so-called vacation season, patients are being referred to the Commissioner of Public Health for the making out of death certificates on patients in the City of Springfield who have died while their personal physician was out of town. Usually the first approach is to the Medical Examiner, who, when he feels the case is not within his province, declines to accept the responsibility. Then the approach is made to the Commissioner of Public Health. the latter approach is based on a statement on back of the Standard Certificate of Death of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, which comes under Rules of Practice:

1 Attending physicians will certify to such deaths only as those of persons who, though disabled by recognized disease unrelated to any form of injury, have died without recent medical attendance or whose physician is absent from home when the certificate of death is needed.

2 Board of Health physicians will certify to such deaths only as those of persons who, though disabled by recognized disease unrelated to any form of injury, have died without recent medical attendance or whose physician is absent from home when the certificate of death is needed.

Although these general rules are very succinct in their statements, it must be recognized that attending physicians have certain obligations which they cannot slough off on to some public official for their own comfort and convenience. Should an attending physician find himself in the position that he expects to be out-of-town for a period of time, then it first behooves him to arrange for some other physician to take care of his patients during this period of time. Secondly, the covering physician assumes completely the responsibilities of the attending physician during this period of time which the primary physician is unavailable. Otherwise, there exists a situation tantamount to the abandonment of a patient.

In the instance of death of a patient, the prouncement of death is a diagnostic procedure and therefore is considered the practice of medicine. Inasmuch as a covering physician assumes the responsibilities of the original attending physician, then it behooves the former to make the diagnosis and sign the death certificate.

The intent of the rule (2) as quoted above is to take care of emergency situations where there is no possibility of obtaining a death certificate, and it is urgent to dispose of the body properly. The intent

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certainly is not to grant automatic "carte blanche" coverage to any attending physician to go out of town at any time with the expectation that a Board of Health physician will cover him in any instance of death to one of his patients. Moreover, the intent of the rule is not to grant automatic absolution of responsibility to the covering physician for the care, pronouncement of death, and signing of a death certificate.

This letter is a general discussion of the problem for which I am seeking assistance and cooperation from the Society. It is my hope that an equitable solution for this can be worked out. Hoping to hear from you in the near future, I reamain, □

Sincerely,

JOHN C. AYRES, M.D.
Commissioner of Public Health

To The Editor

Your organization has been referred to us as a possible source of assistance in our efforts to attract physicians to locate in our community.

The Indian Orchard community, a section of the City of Springfield, is in need of additional medical services for the approximately 8000 residents in the area. The services of a General Practioner have been particularly emphasized as a need.

In our efforts to advocate for residents and promote our community, we are hoping you can provide us with some means of attracting doctors to the area. Any advice would be most appreciated.

Please feel free to contact Maureen Hogan, Indian Orchard Citizens Council, 543-3172, with any questions or comments. □

JAMES F. O'BRIEN
President
Indian Orchard Citizens Council

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